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GENEVA FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, ESTC, CZ
SUBJECT: CALL ON MFT BY WILLIAM ROOT, EB/EWT DIRECTOR

REF: (A) PRAGUE 1193 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 112019 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: DURING MAY 10 CALL ON MIN. FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS,
ROOT HEARD CLAIM THAT SOME EXPORT-CONTROLLED
MATERIALS ARE REACHING CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN
SOURCES. ROOT'S MFA CALL COVERED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO EXPORT CONTROL MATTER DISCUSSED IN REFS
A AND B, WILLIAM ROOT, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EAST-WEST TRADE
ALSO CALLED ON OFFICIALS OF
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT).
ROOT AND EMBOFF SAW KELLER ANT VELEK, FOR:ER THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR NON-INTEGRATED DEVELOPED ECONMIES
(I.E., U.S., UK, CANADA, JAPAN) AND LATTER U.S. DESK
OFFICER. HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION INCLUDED: A) KELLER
CLAIMED TO HAVE A LIST OF ITEMS GOC CURRENTLY PUR-
CHASED FROM WEST BUT BELIEVED TO BE EXPORT-CONTROLLED
BY U.S. ROOT SUGGESTED THBT SUCH A LIST COULD BE
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REVIEWED BY U.S. TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS
GOC MAY HAVE ABOUT EXPORT CONTROL. KELLER AGREED
TO REVIEW LIST AND LET EMBASSY KNOW IF IT COULD BE
PASSED TO US. B) KELLER WAS MISTAKENLY UNDER IM-
PRESSION THAT 1930 JOHNSON ACT STILL AFFECTS
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ROOT RESPONDED THAT COURT INTERPRE-
TATION ABOUT 5 YEARS AGO LAID THAT MATTER TO REST.

C) ON MTN, KELLER MENTIONED THAT POLAND DOES NOT WISH TO RENEW QUANTITATIVE COMMITMENTS, AS OTHERS HAD NOT MET THEIR ARTICLE 13 OBLIGATIONS TO POLAND. AS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA, KELLER STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MTN GLOBAL COMMITMENTS.

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